



**Meeting Minutes of the
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
May 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM**

I. Call To Order

President Jerry Hays called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4th Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

II. Roll Call

Administrative Officer Bryan Suddith took the roll call.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

Staff members present: Kim Frisco, Director, Dan Semsel, Deputy Director, and Bryan Suddith, Administrative Officer.

III. Pledge Of Allegiance

Commission President Jerry Hays led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Commission observed a moment of silence.

IV. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Theobald moved to accept the April 21 meeting minutes and Commissioner Dare seconded the Motion with a minor change to include mention of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved.

V. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

VI. Old Business

- a) Consider Approval of Soldiers and Sailor Financial Assistance for the period of April 1 to April 30, 2022.

Kim Frisco, Director, presented the report.

Commissioner Fried moved to accept the report as presented. Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

- b) Transportation Clarification

Deputy Director Semsel presented to the Commission to the current status of our transportation program as well as a few unique situations the staff has managed. For the commissioner’s consideration, transportation outside of Montgomery County.

After discussion the Commissioners agreed to the following guidance for our transportation program:

- All VA Directed Medical appointments
- All in-County Medical appointments
- The staff may provide transportation to out of county appointments as approved by the director.

Commissioner Fried moved to approve this guidance without a change in policy. Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner			X
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

VII. New Business

a) Sanctions for Fraudulent Financial Application

Director Frisco presented a recent cause of attempted Fraud to gain financial assistance.

In this case the applicant forged a ledger from the landlord, presenting a back due balance that did not exist. This was not the first time the applicant attempted this.

Commissioner Fried moved to levy a lifetime ban with the option for an appeal after 1 year. Commissioner Theobald seconded the motion with the request that we attempt to obtain a letter in support from the landlord.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

b) 2023 Budget Resolution

Deputy Director Semsel presented a budget proposal for 2023. He reminded commissioners that the Ohio Revised Code mandates a budget request to the County Commissioners prior to the last Monday in May.

The budget proposal accounted for increases in salaries, capital equipment, and soldiers and sailors relief funds as well as training and travel. The increase was below the allotted levy amount provided by the county and below the 10% maximum increase permitted by law.

The total proposal was set at \$2,600,000.00 for 2023.

Commissioner Bill Fried moved adopt and create a resolution for submission to the County Commissioners. Commssioner Dare seconded the motion.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
Michael Howley, Commissioner	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

VIII. Management Report

Director Frisco reminded the Commission of the May 12 blood drive and the May 18 Vets Moving Forward event at Wright State University.

IX. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Hays

- DAV Monthly Meeting tonight.

Commissioner Fried

- Monthly VVA Meeting on April 21 installed a new President.
- VVA Awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to local high school students recently.
- Honor Flight Dayton is picking back up to restart in September.

Commissioner Dare

- Congrats to Kim Frisco on her inclusion to the Greene County Veterans Hall of Fame.
- Reminded the team of Poppy Day on 5/27, a tradition that grew out of World War 1, Poppys are worn to honor those who have died in battle.

Commissioner Theobald

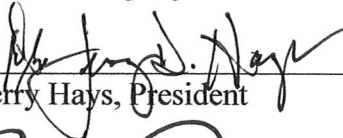
- Reported on the new McKiddy road dedication in Miami Township on OH ST RT 725. Keep an eye on that dedication coming on July 9.
- Commissioner Theobald invited staff and fellow commissioners to join him at the Dragons Game on May 18 in his company's suite.

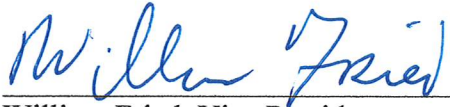
Commissioner Howley

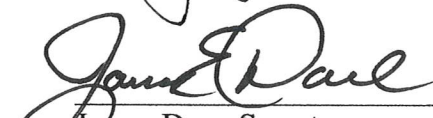
- County Recorder Brandon McClain spoke to his Post last week. Steve Strain also presented to the post details of the legal program here at MCVSC.

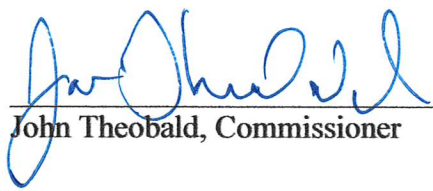
X. Adjournment

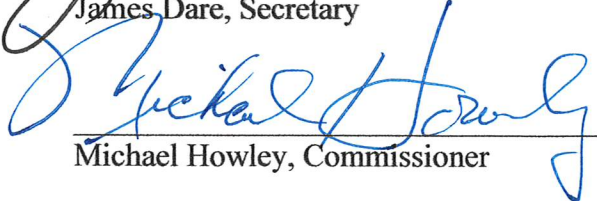
The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.


Jerry Hays, President


William Fried, Vice President


James Dare, Secretary


John Theobald, Commissioner


Michael Howley, Commissioner

Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
Resolution No. 22-060801
Jun 08, 2022

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF 2022 FUNDING FOR END-OF-YEAR
2021 FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.**

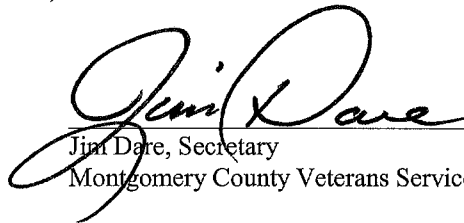
WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5901.03 (D) and Ohio Revised Code §5901.03 (E), the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission has met and discussed approval of the expenditure of 2022 funds to clear the remaining obligations for December 2021 invoices owed to Dayton CW and WDTN in the amount of \$1,550.00 and \$1,540.00 respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission that the expenditure of \$3,090.00 in 2022 funds as a Pay by Warrant (Moral Obligation) to clear these 2021 financial obligations is hereby approved and will be submitted to the Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Bill Fried moved for the adoption of the foregoing resolution. It was seconded by Commissioner Jim Dare and upon call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

Commissioner Dare, Yea; Commissioner Fried, Yea; Commissioner Hays, Yea; Commissioner Theobald, Yea. All in favor, Carried.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission on the 8th day of June, 2022.



Jim Dare, Secretary
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission

The Montgomery County Veterans Service Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meeting of this Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission, and that all deliberations of this Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission, and of its committees, if any which resulted in formal action, were taken in meeting open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Soldier and Sailors Report

(May 1-31, 2022)

1. Data Statistics

a. Financial Assistance:

i. May 2022

1. Approved 62/\$38,635.39
2. Shelter: 17/\$20,081.59
3. Utilities: 20/\$5948.95
4. Disapprovals: 9
 - a. 4 - Incomplete Application
 - b. 1 – Significant income and frivolous spending (gambling)
 - c. 2 – Overturned on appeal
 - d. 1 – Request to pay utilities at an address where the Veteran no longer resides
 - e. 1 – Supporting non-dependent family members

ii. April 2022:

1. Approved 29/\$21,373.35
2. Shelter: 7/\$8,408.72
3. Utilities: 21/\$16,769.17
4. Disapprovals: 13
 - a. 5 - Incomplete Application
 - b. 3 - No financial emergency/need demonstrated
 - c. 2 - Significant income and frivolous spending
 - d. 1 – Overturned on appeal
 - e. 1 – Partial Approval
 - f. 1 – Fraudulent Application

iii. **YTD 2022:** 224/\$151,256.23

1. Shelter: 224/\$70,040.50
2. Utilities: 98/\$26,002.22
3. Food: 86/\$21,000

b. COVID: 0/\$0 (2022 YTD: \$2,000)

c. Transportation: 78/\$2756.85 (2022 YTD: 169/\$5,320.96)

d. Indigent Burial: 3/\$2,996.00 (2022: YTD: 15/\$14,951)

e. Kroger Voucher Update: 97 Vouchers/\$4850 (20 Veterans) (2022 YTD: 420 Vouchers/\$21,000 (86 Veterans))

2. VSO Service Appointments/Information (in-person/phone) – 161 (2022 YTD: 875)
3. VSO Financial Appointments/Information (in-person/phone) – 77 (2022 YTD: 310)
4. 2022 YTD Service Claims Awarded - **\$1,553,560.17**